



Inspire Native Leadership So Our Communities Flourish!

Committee Chair and Members,

The 2020 Census is a once-in-ten-years opportunity for all of us to set the course for the future of our communities. Our state has the opportunity to add another representative in the federal House of Representatives and to claim federal monies for the growth of our towns and cities.

Western Native Voice, since July of 2019, has been working with both the Montana state Complete Count Committee and the United States Census Bureau to ensure Montana's Indian Country gets counted in the 2020 Census. The on-the-ground efforts in tribal communities include:

- Attending and hosting community informational events
- Collaborating with tribal liaisons within tribal governments
- Engaging the public through a pledge to get counted
- Informational presentations to tribal governments, tribal departments, tribal colleges, K-12 schools, head start programs and more
- Hiring local leaders as community organizers
- Traditional and social media promotion of the Census
- Helping to establish as many Get Counted sites as possible

We applaud the local Census Partnership Specialists, the Montana Complete Count Committee and tribes for their collective enthusiasm and willingness to work with our staff. We will continue to work together towards our goal of the most complete count possible for our state.

Sincerely,

Western Native Voice